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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.56 and §1.97(b), the applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of these references are submitted herewith.

U.S. Patent No. 5,018,450

German Patent Publication No. 1199660

Swiss Patent No. CH 381565

The aforementioned references were cited in the "Background of the Invention" section of the present application. Accordingly, no further discussion is believed to be necessary.

U.S. Patent No. 5,001,880

U.S. Patent No. 4,505,200

U.K. Patent No. 172,580

French Patent No. 502,919

French Patent No. 566,327

The aforementioned references are believed to be relevant, but not material, to the claims of this application.

Applicant respectfully requests that this prior art be considered during the examination of this application.

No action has issued in the above-identified application therefore, it is respectfully submitted that no fee is due at this time under 37 CFR \$1.97(b).

Respectfully submitted,

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